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she helped them hear the music of *their* hearts: Bidding farewell to an inspirational teacher

By MEGAN E. GLOSS
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Bertha Fox, BVM, known simply to her students as "Sister Bertha," has become somewhat of a symbol of Clarke over the past 40 years. She has been described by stu-

dents and faculty alike as a "walking book of knowledge," "the blackbelt of the music department," and has been noted for her passionate and expressive style of teaching.

How does one even begin to put into words the life of such an extraordinary woman? A better question may be, how does one say goodbye to an influential teacher and human being such as Sister Bertha?

At the end of the fall semester, Sister Bertha will be ending her career as a teacher at Clarke. When students and faculty were asked about their reaction, one phrase was unanimous: "She will be greatly missed."

Bertha Fox graduated from Clarke in 1954 with a degree

in music. "I thought of being a chemistry major, but wanted to take music theory," says Bertha. "I just loved science, and many of my friends were scientists. What changed my mind was a schedule conflict between chemistry and music theory. I was

more passionate about music, so I took the theory class and changed my major to music and English. I ended up dropping the English major my senior year and devoted my time and energy to music."

Bertha then entered the BVM's, and in 1957, began teaching 67 fifth and sixth grade students in Antioch, Illinois. "Being a BVM is the most wonderful thing," says Bertha. "I have had the opportunity to work with the 'cream of the crop' so to speak: bright, intelligent, and giving women from all over."

She later taught in Rapid City, South Dakota where she taught music, Cathedral Choir, and general science for three years. "That was a very interesting

time," she exclaims. "It was like the Wild West! There were Native Americans that would go into the Black Hills to meditate and there were cowboys that lived on ranches."

Bertha continued her studies in music over the next few years in places such as Washington D.C., where she earned her masters degree in liturgical music. In 1960, she then returned to

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Dubuque and taught at both Clarke and Mount Carmel, due to another instructor falling ill, music theory, piano, choir, and liturgical music.

Bertha also taught at Guadeloupe College in California for a short time, as well as the University of Illinois. "Those were the Vietnam protest years," says Bertha. "I was a teaching assistant working on my doctoral and fellowship studies in the musi-

cology department. One night, I was passing through the Quadrangle on the campus when a riot broke out. The National Guard surrounded the Quad, people were arrested. I remember one student saying to me, 'Don't worry, I'll protect you Sister.' They had to close the campus for the rest of the semes-

During Bertha's second year of assistant teaching at the University of Illinois, she became a research assistant in the Renaissance Music Archives, which enabled her to travel to Eastern Europe to conduct extensive research. "I went to places like East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary,"

says Bertha. "Eastern Europe was Communist then, and some officials were very anti-American. I went there with no visa and no hotel reservation. When I attempted to make a reservation, they would not let me."

Bertha then boarded a train for Dresden, East Germany where she was escorted off the train by two armed guards, taken to a nearby building and was interrogated by them in German.

"They thought that I was a spy because I carried a camera for my research." They also may have thought that I was a spy because of my visa," Bertha

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Bertha's senior picture taken at Clarke in 1954.

Students recall childhood Christmas memories

By TIFFANEY KRAEMER
Staff Writer

Christmas is a time when we get together with loved ones to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. For we college students, however, it's a time for us to reflect on our favorite childhood pastimes and remember the good days as a kid.

You and your roommate start decorating your dorm room, trying to make it look somewhat in the Christmas mood, and before you know it, the two of you are talking about your favorite holiday memories as kids.

As a staff writer, my Christmas present to all of you, my readers, is sharing various memories of our fellow classmates. So go along now, and read, and as you read of other's favorite Christmas memories, remember yours at the same time.

A visit from St. Nick
For sophomore Stephanie Meier, her favorite memories are

of Christmas Eve. "Every Christmas Eve my family would go to mass," said Meier. "While we were gone, we knew that St.

leave treats in our stockings."

When Meier and her two brothers returned home, the first thing they would do is run outside to



Tiffany Kraemer decorates a tree in her room while watching Christmas movies.

Nick would visit our house and look on the roof. "We would

always look for sleigh tracks from Santa's sleigh. It was always dark and we could never see anything, but we looked anyway." Meier always wondered why it took her parents awhile to get into the car before going to church!

Christmas Eve with grandma

As a child, sophomore Julie Rusniak spent Christmas Eve day making sugar cookies with her grandma. Rusniak said her favorite part of the decorating was putting on the sprinkles. "Now that I'm grown up, I don't do it anymore. I miss it!"

A peanut Christmas

Sophomore Teal Spenser is a lover of those styrofoam peanuts that are used for packaging. "One Christmas, my grandma received this big box that had tons of those packing peanuts," said Spenser. "My grandma dumped them all out and I just rolled around in them, having the greatest time."

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Letter to Santa

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Dear Santa,

It's finally Christmas again. Here's my list that you've been waiting for. Now you will know what to get me so you won't bring me something I don't want.

Just so you know, I've been really good this year. Way better than



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everyone else I know. Sometimes when my friends made me mad I would just stop talking to them, that way I never got into fights. I never got mad once last year. It seems like my friends get mad quite a bit and they have fights so that's why I deserve more presents than they do. I only got in trouble once last year and it wasn't even my fault.

My favorite kind of cookies are gingerbread and my mom's making me some so I'll leave you one if there's any left. My house has no chimney but you can come in the front door, it will be easier to get the presents

in that way anyhow. My house is gray, it's not hard to find but let me know if you need directions.

This is my list for right now. If I think of more stuff I want, I'll write back.

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Drums, Deep Fryer, Overalls, Nikes, Toboggan, Enema, Vacuum, Embroidery, Ninja Turtle, Raybans, Eggs, Atrium, Land-cruiser, Inhaler, Zoo, Electric Guitar, Internet, Trombone.

Inflatable Chair, Doughnuts, Orb, Nobel Prize, Trivial Pursuit, Down Jacket, Extinguisher, Skis, Elephant Tusks, Raman Noodles, Volocopter, Entertainment, Altoids, Nerf ball, Yo-yo, Tortleneck, Hummer, Insect Collection, Nose Job, Gun.

I know you can't bring me everything so these are just the things I want the most. Please don't forget anything like you did last year.

-Jedediah

a little POLITICAL and CRITICAL Ballot Ballet

By HEATHER MEYER
Staff Writer

For the last 31 days (or was it 34)? We've only been asking is it Bush or Gore?

A Republican or a Democrat? How could the Electoral College fall so flat? Dearest Democracy, where did you go? Where lies the fate of our country, I'd like to know.

All the votes counted or glanced over at least; we have a victor to lead this capitalistic beast. Declared is George W. Bush, the man that seems to have brains of mush. Standing alone, being very sore, is the 'loser' Albert Gore. But he's not done, he will give a fight, due to the fact the race was very tight.



"To the courts!" he cried, "for a grand appeal, I'll make that Texan start to squeal!"

"Not so fast," drawled the dim-witted winner, "the votes are all counted and the margin is thinner. But, however, I can see, most definitely the Floridians still favor me."

The Vice President was angered but still looked like stone. Where could he find more votes to loan? The people of Florida were his only hope, and now all he has is time to mope.

The Vice-President sat down to analyze the situation, wondering how there could have been such a mutation.

"I am the most popular man alive," stated Gore, "For me to

lose, just doesn't jive."

Standing beside the never crowned king, was running mate Joe Lieberman beginning to sing, "Demand a recount, this world can't be trusted, the morals of our country have certainly rusted."

Team Democrat was cunning, they had a thought, to keep demanding recounts was their plot. George Bush and Dick Cheney keep claiming the throne, while the prize they lust after carries a much different tone. Who wants to lead this country, and do all the work when you can just mudsling your competition, and call him a jerk?

So the story still goes back and forth like a carrier pigeon, now the American people don't care a smidgen. So I've changed my major to that of "misknowledge" and plan to transfer to the Electoral College.

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Christmas on grandpa's farm

Freshman Kelly Burke went to her grandpa's farm for Christmas. "We use to hook sleds up to four wheelers and take the sled up this big hill," said Burke. "One year, we went down the hill and onto a pond and my dad fell off and went in." Mr. Burke survived the sledding incident and was able to enjoy a memorable holiday.

Rudolph's sleigh bell

I've told you the memories of our fellow classmates, but it is now time for me to share with you my favorite childhood memory. One Christmas, when I was having doubts about Santa's existence,

I woke Christmas morning to find a shiny brass bell on my tree, with a letter and a big red bow attached to it. The letter was from Santa, saying this was Rudolph's sleigh bell. He told me

I was able to keep it for one week and then I must put it back on the tree so he could pick it up because Rudolph needed it. I was so excited and thrilled when I realized that Santa did really exist. I showed that bell to every person I knew. When a week passed, I cried because I didn't want to give up the

bell. But I did, and the next morning the bell was gone. The bell may have been gone, but the spirit of Christmas grew that year, and its still continues to grow.



Free (soft) drinks for designated drivers

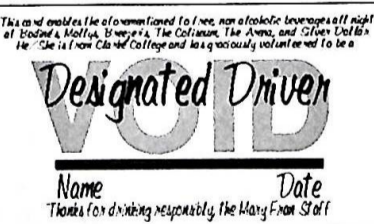
By CHRISTI THOMPSON
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Clarke's Residence Life staff got some bars in and around Dubuque to give Clarke students free drinks. Students who volunteer to be a designated driver on any Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night can request a "Designated Driver Card" from their Resident Assistant.

The weekend of November 30 through was the first time the cards were available. Senior R.A. Melissa Modra said, "People seemed really excited about the

idea. Three or four of my residents already used a card this weekend."

The idea for the cards came from the Mary Francis Hall Resident Director Duane Jundt.



Jundt shared his idea with his R.A. staff and the students took it from there.

Each R.A. in Mary Fran contact-

ed popular bars like the Coliseum, the Arena, Molly's, Breezer's, The Silver Dollar, and Bridget's. The bars agreed to sponsor the program and provide free non-alcoholic beverages to students presenting a card.

Senior Kim Engelmann used the card last weekend and said, "I think it is a good thing because it is kind of rewarding people for being responsible."

The R.A. staff hopes the card will inspire more students to volunteer to be a designated driver for the night. So far, the concept has been well received by students and the community.

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Graduate students at the university.

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In 1978, when the Clarke music department first began using Apple Computers, Bertha assisted in programming musical soft-

ware with a variety of leaders in the computer programming field. "The computer technology gave Clarke the music students an equivalent to the larger, more prestigious music schools," says Bertha. "For the first time students could graduate from the music department without remedial ear training in graduate

music theory, and sight singing/ear training. Furthermore, she has given students of many walks of life the compassion and understanding to encounter anything with an open mind, especially music.

"The most rewarding thing is to see a student develop, grow, and mature as a musician, from their freshman year to their senior year," says Bertha.

"My mother used to tell me, 'not every fruit ripens at the same time.'"

Bertha adds, "I have seen Clarke go through many changes and have lived long enough to know there will be highs and there will be lows. I don't worry anymore because I know that the low will be high eventually." When asking Bertha the best part of teaching at Clarke, she emotionally exclaimed, "The

people: the wonderful faculty, administration, the students. I will miss them the most. Teaching at Clarke has been such a privilege and an honor for me."

Sister Bertha has no intention of "slowing down" after Clarke. Next semester, she plans to venture to Utah to visit the Trappist Monks, as well as teach BVM's about computers. She will also travel to Guatemala, California, Colorado, and Montana for a few weeks with Joan Newhart, the sister of comedian Bob

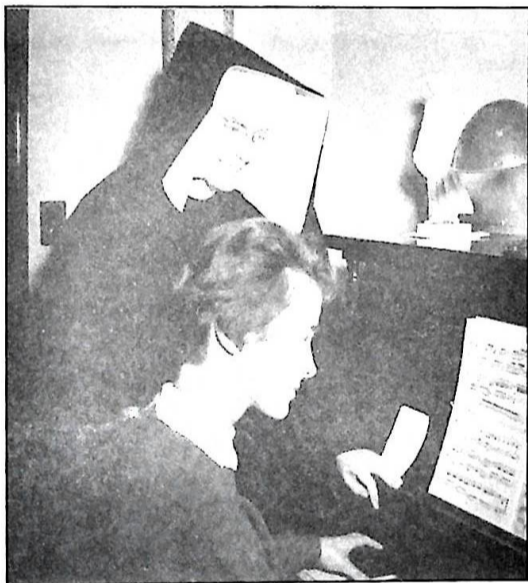
Newhart. "That will be exciting," Bertha exclaims.



Sister Bertha takes over a nephew's toy.

school."

In her last 40 years at Clarke, Sister Bertha has taught a variety



Sister Bertha teaching piano in Rapid City, SD.

of courses in music ranging from music history, music in world cultures, music appreciation,

From the Clarke College Community: We will miss you, Sister Bertha!

"Sister Bertha is the most compassionate person I know. She's almost like a grandmother to her students in that she provides words of wisdom, but puts you in your correct placement when you need it."

-Jose Hernandez, junior music major

"Sister Bertha is one of the best teachers I have ever had. She not only teaches music, but valuable lessons on how to be a good person as well. I will miss her greatly."

-Scott Krohn, junior music major

"History is fiction, but Bertha made it seem real. She has the most incredible memory and passion for the material she teaches. She challenges students."

-Dan Cosley, junior music major

"I could tell from day one that she loved to teach; she loves music! If I am only half as enthusiastic when I teach, my students will benefit immensely. Sister Bertha gets me through the day."

-Jean Heiderscheid, senior music education major

"Bertha is a walking book of knowledge. I have the utmost respect for her."

-Wilbert O. Watkins, Ph.D., director of choral activities

"I like to think of Sister Bertha as the 'blackbelt' of the music department in the sense that she can take on any menacing musical problem and subdue it. She has a keen mind, a tenacious spirit, and a warm heart. Sister Bertha is a wonderful human being."

-David Resnick, director of instrumental music

One of those special memories...

"Bertha would often chant out rhythm using 'chee, chung, chee, chee, chung.' She often said, 'You may not know the answer right off the top of your head, but you will know where to find the answer.' She taught me fundamentals of research, how to begin a search for information, know whether the source is valid, and review the source quickly to find the answer. These skills I will use for the rest of my life. She often demanded we continue learning throughout our lives. Bertha definitely practices what she preaches: she learns something new everyday. She is a woman who would go out of her way for anyone. Her office is a waterfall of cascading musical knowledge. To the average person, it looks a mess, but everything is in its place, and she knows where it all is."

I remember when my I introduced my aunt to Bertha. My aunt suffered from a stroke and is unable to speak and only nods her head 'yes' and 'no.' When Bertha asked her a question, and my aunt did not respond, I explained the situation. Bertha responded by saying, 'That's alright, speech is only 20 percent of human expression. There are so many other ways to communicate.' My aunt started to cry. She and Sister Bertha then proceeded to have a conversation about a chart depicting Greek gods, without exchanging a word. I believe Bertha makes a difference in one person's life at a time. I also believe even though Bertha has no problem speaking, her prime form of communication is music. Sister Bertha always said -- 'Listen, Listen, Listen.' She opened my ears to a whole new world. The world of Music."

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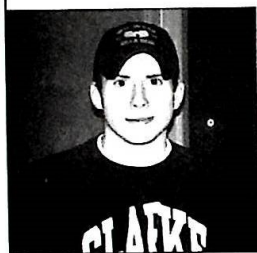
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What are you going to do to relieve stress during finals?



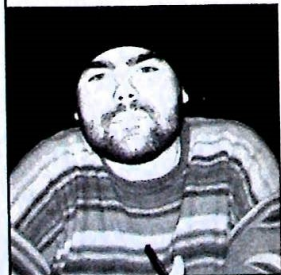
"I'll take deep breaths and tell myself everything's going to be alright."

Jason Betke '03



"I'll go to my friend's room and make fun out of her and joke around with her."

Jena Clasen '03



"Study as hard as I can so I don't have anything to worry about."

Scott Krohn '01

Prayers and primal screams: Ahhhhhh finals!

BY CHRISTI THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Finals are almost here: have you started studying? Some students have been preparing for weeks, while others are getting ready for an entire weekend of what procrastinators call "cramming."

"I'm just going to pray," said senior Rhonda Schmidt. Sophomore Jena Clasen said, "I study a little bit each night leading up to my finals."

No matter how they go about it, all students are under a lot of pressure to wrap up the semester on a good note. That is why Clarke gives students lots of options while preparing for the important week of testing.

During "Dead Hours" starting at midnight on Friday students who live on campus cannot make noise heard outside their room.

During this time, there is a no noise policy in the hallways of the residence halls 24 hours a day, unless it is time for the famous "primal scream."

Primal scream is the time when students are allowed to break from the books and let it all out. Friends gather to sing, scream, dance, and run up and down the hallways. Primal Scream will be from 9:45 p.m. until 10 p.m. every night beginning Saturday.

Campus Ministry is sponsoring study breaks later in the evenings on floors around campus.

Dead Hours also apply in floor lounges, but small study

groups are allowed in the formal lounges of the residence halls. Kathleen Sinclair, BVM, Director of Residence Life, said that Clarke wants to ensure students

an optimal environment for studying in their own room at any time of the day while preparing for the big tests.

Clarke facilities extend their hours to enable students to finish projects and last-minute studying. The

Keller Computer Center was open late last week for

students working on final papers. The Atrium also provided a quiet spot to study for an hour longer than usual. The library will be

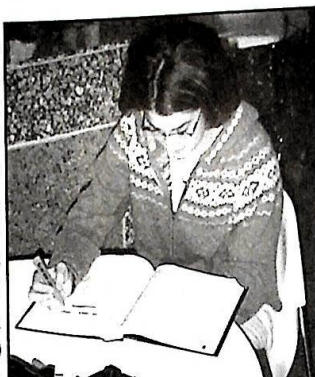


photo by Jean Francione
Studying hard for finals.

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, メリークリスマス

By ROBERTO MARRERO
Staff Writer

Finals are here and people can't wait to go back home to start their Christmas celebrations, but have you ever thought of how Christmas is celebrated in other countries? Here at Clarke we have people who come from different countries and varying racial backgrounds who will go back to celebrate the holidays in their traditional ways.

Joseph Gustafson, a junior from Illinois, says he and his family cut down and decorate the tree and attend the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. "Christmas is a time to spend with the family, so we basically spend our time at home all day," said Gustafson. "The little kids wake up extra early and they can open their stockings first, but the presents under the tree are left for when everybody wakes up. The designated Santa Claus for the year passes the presents around."

The Three Kings who come during the night can give the grass to their camels to eat. In exchange, they leave a small gift the kids receive the next morning.

Gustafson's family then has brunch, watches Christmas parades on TV, and opens presents with his mom's side of the family. They have a huge dinner of beef, pork, or turkey, and usually Yule Log for dessert. To Gustafson the most important thing about Christmas is spending time with his family and "eating really good food."

Juan Niño, a freshman from Colombia, says, "From the 16th of December until the 25th, we pray 'La Novena' and sing Christmas carols. We go to church to hear the story of the

birth of Christ."

On the 24th, they have a big feast in the evening with fireworks that are sold on the streets. They sing and dance until midnight, open their presents, and then resume their party until the early hours of the morning. On the 25th, they have a barbecue at a relative's house until everybody gets tired.

"Now New Years is really big though," Juan says. "We have a huge party and a great feast of traditional food. We dance until midnight when we have a toast to the upcoming year. We also make a scarecrow filled with fireworks to symbolize the past year, and then there is a celebration as we light it up and watch it burn. From then on, we dance and party until early morning."

Patrick Conaty, a freshman from Bangkok, says, "They don't celebrate Christmas, since they are Buddhist. Americans and Europeans who live there celebrate it in the privacy of their homes. December 25 we open presents, and we have a big dinner, usually lamb. Being out of America, we don't celebrate it that much." He says that in the few Christian churches in Thailand, there is Mass on December 25, and the people who celebrate get a plastic Christmas tree and decorate it.

"People actually just go out to have fun until early hours in the morning." For a real twist in the traditional Christmas tree, Conaty's family once bought and decorated a coconut tree.

"Thailand's New Year is around April 12 to 16," says Conaty. They observe the New Year also on the 31st, though, because of the American influence. It is pretty wild since everybody goes out to bars and clubs to have a good time. At midnight people notice that our New Year arrives and we sing, and then people

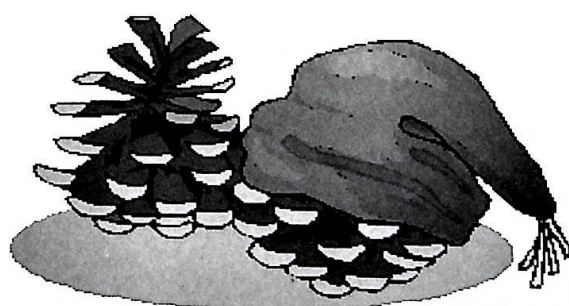
keep celebrating until the early morning." The most important thing about Christmas for Conaty is "seeing my family and friends, since all my friends come back home."

Sophomore, Yuriko Yamaguchi says Christmas is not a religious celebration in Japan, but they still observe it. "In Japan, Christmas is like a romantic season when you get together with a loved one. It's more for couples

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than a family thing." She says that on Christmas Day, families just go out and have a formal dinner and eat Christmas cake. They do not exactly have a Santa Claus, but they hang stockings and have a gift exchange.

On New Years Eve, the custom is to eat soup as a symbol of living a longer life. On New Years



Day, families have a special dinner, then go to a temple to pray. Parents give money to the children on this day and people who are old enough get to drink 'Sake.'

Junior Rafael Ramos says, "For Puerto Ricans, family and friends mean a lot, so I think that the most important thing is to bond and share with them on the holidays. That is why we do so many things and party so much at Christmas time." Basically

open until midnight Sunday, through Wednesday."

Some students go off campus to places like Take 5 Coffee House or Perkins and study as a group while taking in caffeine. Others hit the bars and release some tension there.

People should be weary of the affects of pulling "all-nighters." Julie Burgmeier of Health Services said, "When students overtax their bodies by not getting enough sleep and taking in junk food, they lower their immunity and their ability to think sharply and concentrate."

No matter how tired, prepared, confident, hungry, or scared students are, finals are here. Although Clarkies will be up late and stressed out, they'll still manage to be ready to take and pass their exams.

Christmas in Puerto Rico is very similar to Christmas in the United States. They decorate a tree and everything around with lights and other ornaments. They share the belief in Santa Claus and have Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

A tradition is the "parrandas," when people take all sorts of instruments and go from house to house in the night to sing traditional Christmas songs. When they finish at one house, the people from that house join the group and go to another house, and so on, until people are too tired to continue. Christmas would not be complete in Puerto Rico without the traditional food and drinks served in every house during the holidays.

New Years is also a big thing in Puerto Rico. "There are people celebrating all over and parties everywhere, and people throw fireworks all over the place," says Ramos.

Another thing celebrated is Three Kings Day. On January 5, kids go and get some fresh grass

and put it on a shoebox that they leave underneath or beside their beds. Three Kings who come during the night can give the grass to their camels to eat. In exchange, they leave a small gift the kids receive the next morning.

"There is nothing better than going back to

my dear island and sharing these times with my family and my friends, which is the most important thing," Ramos says.

It is interesting how the holiday celebrations in our country are similar or very different than those in other parts of the world. So, to every student at Clarke, good luck on finals, and have a Merry Christmas with your friends and family.

Dec 8, 2000

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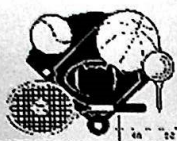
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This upcoming season, which starts in mid-January, should be one full of excitement. Once again, the Crusaders are contenders for a national championship, and they are working very hard to accomplish this goal.

"The team is very focused in practice," said senior Louie Aguilar. "We are trying to be mentally prepared in every drill that we do."

The team has a tough schedule. It will be playing NCAA division one teams like Ohio State, Lewis University, and Loyola University, among others. However, they will have to beat four division three schools from the west in order to make it to the national championship.

The next preseason match for the men's volleyball team will be December 8 against Loras College at the Kehl Center, at 7:30 pm.

Intramural Update

by JARON WARNER
Staff Writer

Sadly but truly, the intramural gridiron battle of flag football at Clarke College has come to an end. As we all know, in the end there could only be one. When the smoke cleared, Torn was able to bring home the championship T-shirt. The championship game featured Torn versus Vatos Locos; the game went down to the wire and ended in overtime with a score of 26 to 20.

Torn set the pace early with a short touchdown run, and from that point on, the score was back and forth. It all came down to overtime and who would be the first to break the tie. After four minutes of play in overtime Torn scored on a five-yard pass and ended the game along with the intramural season.

Congrats to Torn, and Vatos Locos also for putting on a good show. This season was very competitive.

With flag football now ending, the focus changes to the IBA (Intramural Basketball Association). This year's league has six teams, which should make playoff time interesting. GO 5 has taken the early lead so far, but for some reason I don't think they'll be able to hold on to their spot.

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games in the future."

The leader of the troops is senior point guard Mike O'Conner, who has started at the point for the Crusaders for three seasons.

"I have had a lot of good experiences and made great friendships with a great group of guys," said O'Conner. "The upcoming trip will be really fun for the guys and will bring us a lot closer."

Clarke's Senior Leadership should play better together. I know in my heart that we are a great team."

think the future of the Clarke basketball program is looking up and will continue to improve in the years to come."

Arlandson said, "Basketball has made me able to deal with adversity and also made me a stronger person. The second half of the season should be good and we

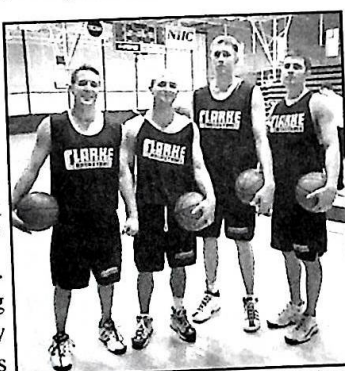


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Clarke's Senior Leadership

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"There is a lot of pressure on us this year to four-peat as conference champions," sophomore Jessica Kelley said. "We don't have the team that we did last year so we will all have to step up and play as a team."

Along with a returning core of upperclassmen, three freshmen join the roster.

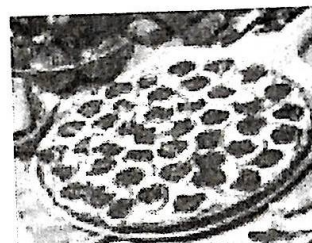
Returning players include senior guard Megan Koppenhoefer, and forward Jenny Middendorf. Junior guards Jenni Diers and Emily Sexton, forward Tiara Clay, forward/center Rhonda Schmidt, and forward Kealy Hootman. Sophomores include Charity Haley, Lori Steffen, Katie Chapman, Jillian Kramer, Allison Maas, and Jessica Kelley. While freshmen, Christine Steines, Emily Belt, and Janet Harris round out the

squad. "I expect to win conference this year," said a confident Hootman. "It was just a matter of time before everything comes together."

In the season opener the Lady Crusaders played Calvin College and lost a close game by a score of 55-48. Jenny Middendorf scored a team high 10 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Jessica Kelley added 5 points and also hauled in 9 rebounds.

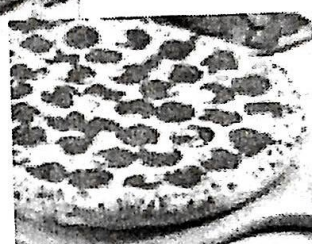
The lady hoopsters will have their work cut out for them as they defend their NIIC conference title against the elite teams of the area.

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At a Glance

Friday December 8

Last day of classes
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Dance in the Atrium
8 p.m. *Wizard of Oz*, Grand Opera House

Saturday December 9

8 p.m. *Nutcracker*, Five Flags
8 p.m. *Wizard of Oz*, Grand Opera House

Sunday December 10

2:00 p.m. *Nutcracker*, Five Flags
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. TimeSaver Holiday Party, Kehl Center
2 p.m. *Wizard of Oz*, Grand Opera House

Monday December 11

Final Exams Begin

Tuesday December 12

Final Exams
Textbook buyback, Bookstore
MSS Study Break, SMC

Wednesday December 13

Final Exams
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Textbook Buyback, Bookstore

Thursday December 14

TimeSaver Session II ends
Final Exams
9a.m. - 4 p.m. Textbook buyback, Bookstore
10 p.m. Residence Halls close

Friday December 15

Student employment cards due to Financial Aid

January 15

Classes Resume

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Associate Professor of Nursing Awarded Grant

Pam Ironside, associate professor of nursing, was recently awarded a grant by the National League for Nursing to continue her educational research study. The award was announced at the annual NLN Education Summit on Sept. 15 in New York City. Ironside's manuscript will be published in the spring of 2001.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Appointed

Margaret Feldner, OSF, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs. She has served as interim vice president for academic affairs since August 2000. She was chair of the education department from 1997 to 2000. Feldner assisted with the development and implementation of the Professional Development School, the program that provides education students with the opportunity to gain teaching experience before they graduate.

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We're Off to See the Wizard

The Grand Opera House Receives Standing Ovation After the Opening Production of *The Wizard of Oz*



On Thursday evening, November 30, the Grand Opera House in downtown Dubuque presented its opening act of *The Wizard of Oz*. The theater was full as audience members of all ages gathered to share in the entertainment

from Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, and "Toto too".

Chuckles filled the audience as a result of the light-hearted humor in the dialogue between the characters. In addition, all eyes were fixed on Dorothy as she sang Somewhere Over the Rainbow, the classic song in which Dorothy wishes she could go someplace where there isn't any trouble.

As Dorothy's wish came true, she and Toto found themselves in Munchkin Land- far away from their home in Kansas. It was in this scene that the audience was introduced to a most talented cast of Munchkins- over twenty-five children of all ages. The audience clapped along as the Munchkins sang Ding Dong, the Witch is Dead.

Senior Gina Plamer attended the Saturday, December 2nd performance. "The audience was really into it," she said. "One little boy even shouted out to Dorothy and the Scarecrow to inform them that the rusted Tin Man was asking for the oil can!" The performance also brought back childhood memories for Palmer. "I always got scared when the Wicked Witch and flying monkeys came on. My older brother would actually hide under the table during these parts when we watched the movie together."

Junior Brian Gockel attended the Friday, December 1st showing, and was impressed by the cast's performance. "I went mainly because I knew how much my fiancé would like to see it. She grew up loving *The Wizard of Oz*, and I knew how happy it would make her to see this performance." He continued, "But I enjoyed it too, and was quite impressed by the talent and energy of all the cast members." A chorus of more than twenty singers, an orchestra, and a large production staff - all of whom received a standing ovation as the performance came to an end, accompanied the cast.

The showings began November 30 and run through the weekend of December 8, 9, and 10. So as the semester comes to an end, final exams approach, and you're feeling like "there's no place like home", take a break from the books, let your "troubles melt like lemon drops", and let the cast of *The Wizard of Oz* take you over the rainbow.

Nursing Honors Society Announces Inductees**Undergraduate students:**

Judy Behnke, Molly Frommelt, Cliff Geimer, Angie Koenig, Jaime Lawinger, Vickie Leigh, Maria Manternach, Cheryl Rife, William Specht.

Graduate students:

Erin Kuhn, Mindy Martin, Kelly Schultz,

Recent Clarke graduates

Joel Klunke, Joseph Jeremy Kruser, Ann Meyer, Laura Miller, Rhonda Peterson, Brenda Stelken, Meagan Yoches

Senior Music Recital

Senior music major Terri Ellerbach will present her senior musical performance on December 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall. The performance will consist of the audience with musical compositions from throughout history. A reception will follow.

Be sure to stop by the Quigley Gallery and see the Senior Art Exhibit before Dec. 11th!

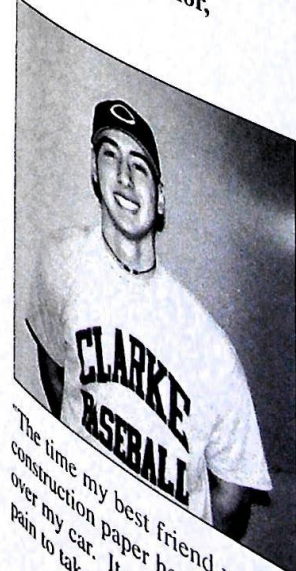
CLARKE CANDIDS

Clarke Junior Lisa Kotz takes a moment to pose for photography student Ai Sato as she gets ready for finals.

*Submit your favorite campus candid to the Clarke Courier @ MS#1701. Don't forget to include names of those in the picture as well as your name and MS# if you'd like them returned to you.

ON THE STREET What was your

Arend Johnson, Junior, Honolulu



The time my best friend put construction paper hearts all over my car. It was sweet, but a pain to take them off."

Check out the latest phone calls

Many harmless scams take the form of e-mail hoaxes. These mail hoaxes are usually chain letters promising anything from free clothing, to trips, to cash if you send the message along to a certain number of people. Other email hoaxes, much like the one circulating around campus last November, warn people about potential dangers that never really existed.

In this particular hoax, an email was sent warning women about men driving around in a van trying to accost young women in parking lots by asking them to smell a new perfume. These false alarms or scams are relatively benign since they don't involve giving out any personal information, or sending any money. Many people just send them along, wonder why the free stuff they were promised was never delivered, and hope they saved lives by warning everyone they know about the parking lot van predators. Others don't even bother. "I just delete them," said freshman Mary Otters. "I'll look at them, but it's not worth my time to send them." Some scams, however, can be potentially devastating. Recently, the Clarke community was alerted to a telephone scam that was being run in southern